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NOTES AND NEWS

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NZAA's 60th Anniversary Conference

NZAA's 60th anniversary conference is being held in Christchurch, in recognition of the impacts of the earthquakes on the city's archaeology and heritage. This archaeology and heritage will be a key focus of the conference, with one day dedicated to it. This day will include field trips, papers and the opening of an exhibition on the archaeology of Canterbury at the Canterbury Museum. This year, the field trip will be for half a day, and there will be three options to choose from. Other key events will include the gala dinner, a student and recent graduates' lunch and the poster session.

The conference venue is Chateau on the Park, 189 Deans Avenue, Christchurch (www.chateau-park.co.nz). Chateau on the Park is located in

Riccarton, near the Mona Vale homestead and gardens. It is separated from the city by a short walk through Hagley Park, which will take you into the heart of the rebuild zone, where you can explore various bars, restaurants and the numerous exciting projects that characterise post-earthquake Christchurch.

Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Bill update

NZHPT can report that the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Bill had its second reading in Parliament before Christmas. The process now is for it to go through the Committee stages in the House before it is read a third time and gets the Royal Assent (in other words becomes signed legislation). It is anticipated that this may happen in the next few months. It is proposed that the new legislation will come into force three months after it gets its Royal Assent. NZHPT is planning extensive consultation around the policy associated with the new legislation and we will keep you posted on this.

Pam Bain and Kiri Sharpe, NZHPT

New Zealand joins the Australian National Shipwreck Database

The Australian Government has just confirmed that New Zealand can join the Australian National Shipwreck Database (ANSD). This is a detailed record of shipwrecks and associated information that is utilised by the Australian Government as their statutory database as well by as the public and researchers. For New Zealand, our part of the database will be for information only but will provide an opportunity for us to make available New Zealand shipwreck data to the general public. We have a lot of shared maritime history with Australia and so this was an opportunity to join with them rather than create our own national database. It will take some time to populate and we will keep you up to date with how that is going. The relevant data in the ANSD will also be transferred to *Archsite*. There is still some work to do to make it happen but it's a great gesture of support for New Zealand's maritime heritage from the Australian Government.

Check out the website link:

<http://www.environment.gov.au/topics/heritage/historic-shipwrecks/australian-national-shipwreck-database>

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